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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/033,157	Applicant(s) TASHIRO ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 12 January 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 2,6,10 and 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Collins (6,490,670) and Lehman (6,032,160).

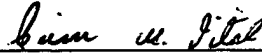
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It appears that the proposed amendment including "repeating steps a) through c) only as to the empty region assigned in step c) until the size of one of the divided empty regions obtained by repeating step a) is equal to the requested size and the partition is disposed in the one divided empty region" would overcome the teachings of the Lehman reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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